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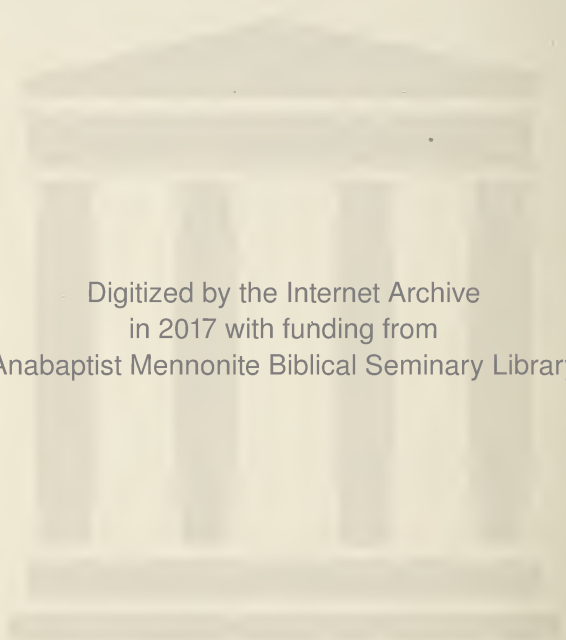
The following brief outline for a study of the vital truths of the Scriptures as expressed in the Apostles' Creed is published as a result of the need felt for it in our work among the Indians in Oklahoma.

It was deemed advisable to have the catechetical instructions as brief and simple as possible with a special regard for specific needs which the nature of work presents.

May it please the Lord to bless even this insignificant effort to the furtherance of His great and glorious cause.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

1. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
2. And in Jesus Christ, His Only Begotten Son, our Lord;
3. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary;
4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died and buried;
5. The third day He arose again from the dead;
6. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
7. From thence He shall come to judge the living and dead.
8. I believe in the Holy Spirit.
9. I believe in a holy, general church; the communion of saints;
10. The forgiveness of sins;
11. The resurrection of the body;
12. And the life everlasting. Amen.

I believe in God,
The Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth.

God is revealed to man in:

- 1 His works (creation): Rom. 1, 18-20; Psalm 19, 1; Psalm 139, 14.
- 2 His written Word (the Bible): Heb. 1, 1; and especially in
- 3 His Son (the Word become flesh: John 1, 14): John 14, 21; Heb. 1, 2; Matt. 11, 27.

The Bible, the written Word, is inspired (breathed) of God for:

- 1 It was written by holy men of God who were moved by the Spirit of God: 2 Peter 1, 21.

These men were from different walks of life, in many instances separated from each other by great stretches of space and time, nevertheless their messages center and have their fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ: Heb. 1, 1; Acts 3, 18.

- 2 It is adaptable to all peoples and to all conditions of life: Jeremiah 16, 19-21. Rev. 7, 9-10.
- 3 It lifts to higher standards of life all who accept it and are governed by its teachings: Eph. 2, 1-6.
- 4 It is confirmed by the word and the life of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself: Luke 24, 44-46.

The Bible is the Word of the only true God to all people: Isa. 45, 22-23; Isa. 52, 10.

God being one, unchangeable and eternal, His Word is like Him: one, unchangeable and eternal: Gal. 1, 8-9; Isa. 8, 19-20; Psalms 119, 89.

By this His Word and by His Spirit God communicates with His children: Rom. 8, 16; John 17, 2-3; 25-26.

The Bible reveals God to us as one who is:

The Maker and Sustainer of all things: Acts 17, 24-25.

Merciful, forgiving sins, but will not clear the guilty: Exodus 34, 7.

Infinitely gracious, reconciling a lost and rebellious world unto Himself by the gift of His Only Begotten Son: 2 Cor. 5, 18-19; John 3, 16.

Consuming fire to the heedless and perverse: Hebrews 12, 25, 28-29.

Spirit: John 4, 24.

Light: 1 John 1, 5.

Love: 1 John 4, 8.

Life: John 11, 25; 14, 6.

Holy: Isaiah 6, 3.

Just: Deuteronomy 32, 4.

All seeing: Proverbs 15, 3.

Only Wise: 1 Timothy 1, 17.

Ever Present: Psalm 139, 7-10.

Almighty: Genesis 17, 1.

Eternal: Genesis 21, 33.

Triune: Father Son and Holy Spirit: Matt. 28, 19.
Yet He is one Lord: Mark 12, 29.

God, the Father is the first person of the Trinity.

He is in a unique sense the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

This relation has always existed, John 17, 5, and continued thruout the Lord's sojourn in the flesh on the earth: Luke 1, 35.

He is also Father of all who among men believe in Him and accept Jesus Christ, His Only Begotten Son, as their Savior from sin: John 1, 12-13.

Being made free (separated) from sin, they become associated with Christ and are members of His body: John 15, 4-10; Rom. 12, 5.

He wants man to love and trust Him: Mark 12, 30; Matt. 6, 33; 1 Peter 5, 7.

He sends forth the Spirit of Truth: John 15, 26.

He seeketh such who worship Him in Spirit and in Truth: John 4, 23.

And in Jesus Christ,
His Only Begotten Son,
Our Lord;

God, the Son is the second person of the Trinity: John 1, 14.

He is sent by the Father: John 3, 16; 1 John 3, 5. 8; John 1, 29.

He is the express image of the Father: Heb. 1, 1-3.

He is one with the Father : John 1, 1-5 ; John 10, 30 ;
1 John 5, 20.

He is the blessed and only Potentate, King of kings
and Lord of lords : 1 Tim. 6, 15.

All judgment is committed unto Him : John 5, 22 ;
Acts 10, 42.

**Who was Conceived by the Holy Spirit
And Born of the Virgin Mary ;**

The birth of Jesus was on this wise : Matt. 1, 18-25 ;
Isa. 7, 14.

God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh :
Rom. 8, 3.

He came to fulfill the law : Matt. 5, 17.

He came to seek and to save that which was lost :
Luke 19, 10.

He taught repentance from sin : Mark 1, 15.

He performed mighty deeds : John 3, 2 ; Luke 7, 21-
22.

He was despised : Matt. 27, 28-31 ; Isa. 53, 3.

He was rejected ; John 1, 11 ; Isa. 53, 3, and

Suffered under Pontius Pilate ;

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him : John 19, 1 ;
Matt. 27, 26-31 ; Isa. 53, 8.

Was Crucified ;

And they crucified Jesus : Matthew 27, 35.

He became a curse for us : Gal. 3, 13.

Died

Jesus, when He had cried with a loud voice, gave up the Ghost: Matt. 27, 50.

He was delivered for our offenses: Romans 4, 25.

He was made an offering for sin: Hebrews 10, 14.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust: 1 Peter 3, 18-20.

And Buried.

Joseph wrapped the body and laid it in his own new tomb: Matt. 27, 59-60.

The Third Day

He Rose Again From the Dead;

He rose again the third day: 1 Cor. 15, 4; Heb. 13, 20; Acts 10, 40.

He was raised again for our justification: Rom. 4, 25.

He appeared to His disciples: Acts 1, 3; Acts 10, 41.

He commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature and to baptize believers: Mark 16, 15-16.

1 To preach:

Repentance: Luke 15, 17-19; 1 Cor. 11, 31-32; Rom. 7, 7-25.

Repentance leads to acknowledging the truth: 2 Tim. 2, 25.

Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation: 2 Cor. 7, 10.

Remission of sins: Heb. 9, 22; Luke 24, 46-48.

Separation of the sinner from sin thru Christ :
Rom. 8, 1 ; 2 Cor. 6, 17-18

The repentant sinner is forgiven, but there is
vengeance on the inventions (sins) : Psal. 99,
8.

Christ the propitiation of our sins : 1 John 2, 2 ; Rom.
3, 25.

Transgression removed as far as the east is from the
west : Psalm 103, 12 ; Isa. 44, 22.

A forgiving spirit required : Matt. 6, 14-15 ; Matt.
18, 22.

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is not forgiven :
Matt. 12, 31-32.

2 To baptize and teach observance of all the things
Jesus taught : Matt. 28, 20.

He Ascended into Heaven ;

A cloud received Him out of their sight : Acts 1, 9.
He ascended up far above all heavens : Eph. 4, 10.

He Sitteth at the Right Hand of God, The Father Almighty ;

Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Col. 3, 1.
He ever liveth to make intercession for His own : Heb.
7, 25.

From Thence He Shall Come

This same Jesus shall come in like manner : Acts 1, 11 ;
Phil. 3, 20 ; 1 Thess. 4, 16.

1 As a thief in the night: 1 Thess. 5, 1-5; Luke 12, 39.

Into the air: 1 Thess. 4, 17.

To take His own unto Himself: Matt. 24, 40-41; John 14, 1-3.

The dead in Christ shall rise first: 1 Thess. 4, 16.

Then we, who are alive and remain shall be changed: 1 Cor. 15, 51; 1 Thess. 4, 17.

Works of saints tested by fire: 1 Cor. 3, 11, 14-15.

To purge and gather Israel: Ezek. 20, 33-44.

2 In the clouds of heaven, in power and great glory: Matt. 24, 30.

With His saints and angels: Jude 14; Zech. 14, 5; Mark 13, 26.

To establish His kingdom on earth: Dan. 2, 44-45.

The mountain of the Lord shall be exalted: Isa. 2, 2-5.

To punish the piercing serpent: Isa. 27, 1.

Satan bound: Rev. 20, 2.

To destroy the covering, the veil cast over all people: Isa. 25, 7.

New conditions on earth: Isa. 11, 9; 60, 18-19; 65, 8-25; 66, 5-24.

To reign: For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet: 1 Cor. 15, 25.

Saints are associated with Christ in His reign :
Rev. 20, 6; Daniel 7, 18. 22. 27.

To Judge the Living

He shall judge among the (living) nations: Isa. 2, 4;
Dan. 7, 14; Rev. 11, 15.

Ye shall sit judging Israel: Mat. 19, 28; Luke
22, 30.

Saints shall judge the world: 1 Cor. 6, 2.

Saints to execute the judgment written: Psalm
149, 7-9.

With the breath of His lips: Isa. 11 and 12.

With righteousness, truth and equity: Psalm 96,
13; Psalm 98, 9.

With equity for all, but the unrelenting sinner shall be
cursed: Isa. 65, 20.

With a rod of iron: Psalm 2, 6-12; Zech. 14, 16-19.

Final gathering and judging of the nations: Matt.
25, 31-46; Joel 3, 11-16.

And the Dead.

Christ ordained of God to be the judge of the quick
(living) and dead: Acts 10, 42.

All that are in the graves shall come forth; they that
have done good (the things of God) to life, and they
that have done evil (disregarding the things of God)
to condemnation: John 5, 28-29.

All the remaining dead gathered before the great white
throne: Rev. 20, 5. 11-15.

I Believe in the Holy Spirit.

God, the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.

He is one with Father and Son. Compare Isa. 6, 8-9 with Acts 28, 25-26.

In Acts 5, 3 Ananias is said to have lied to the Holy Spirit who is called God in the next verse.

He was active in the creation: Gen. 1, 2; Job 26, 13.

He is sent by Father and Son: John 15, 26; Luke 24, 49; John 14, 16. 17. 26; John 16, 7.

He testifies of Jesus: John 15, 26.

He reproves the world because of sin: John 16, 8.

He quickens (makes alive): John 3, 5; 6, 63; Rom. 8, 11.

He comforts believers: Acts 9, 31.

He dwells within, and directs believers: 1 Cor. 6, 19; Rom. 8, 14.

He intercedes in behalf of believers: Rom. 8, 26-27.

He teaches believers: Luke 12, 12.

He sanctifies believers: Rom. 15, 16; 1 Cor. 6, 11.

He may be resisted: Acts 7, 51.

He may be grieved: Eph. 4, 30.

He may be quenched: 1 Thess. 5, 19.

He may be blasphemed: Matt. 12, 31-32.

He may be taken away: Psalm 51, 11.

His presence on earth restrains the wicked one from appearing: 2 Thess. 2, 6-7.

I Believe in a Holy General Church;

The Church is the collective body of souls who have been regenerated by faith in the atoning redemption of the Lord Jesus Christ: 1 Cor. 1, 2.

The Lord Jesus Christ is Himself the head of the Church, this body of regenerated souls: Col. 1, 18.

The human soul is an immortal being created of God by the temporary indwelling of breath (spirit) of God in a human body (Gen. 2, 7). It is influenced by both the spirit and the body: the spirit being of God urges the things pleasing to God: the body—having become a body of sin under the influence and power of the evil one—urges the things of evil: Rom. 7, 15-25. The soul that has become accountable and remains subject to the power and the spirit of the evil one becomes permanently separated from God at death (Luke 16, 26). For at the cessation of life the spirit, which is the only possible means of access to God, returns to Him who gave it (Eccl. 12, 7; Job 34, 14); the body returns to dust from which it was taken (Gen. 3, 19) and the soul having failed to draw nigh to God thru the spirit, and being left without an abode must share the abode prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25, 41) in everlasting remorse and torment (Isa. 66, 24; Mark 9, 44). But if, during the course of life or even at the end of it, the soul wills to become, or submits to become subject to the Spirit of God—which is the

Spirit of Jesus Christ and His redemption—it comes, by faith, into filial relation to God, is regenerated (Gal. 3, 26,) and is invested with a new body (Phil. 3, 21).

God made man in His own image: Gen 1, 26-27; Gen. 2, 7.

He made them male and female, called Adam and Eve: Gen. 3, 20.

The image of God consists in righteousness and true holiness: Eph. 4, 24.

Man marred the image (holiness) by disobedience: Gen. 2, 17; and Gen. 3, 6; Rom. 5, 12.

Man was influenced to disobedience by the serpent: Gen. 3, 4-13; 2 Cor. 11, 3.

The serpent is Satan, the devil who is captain of the host of angels whom he has led astray: Rev. 12, 9; Jude 6.

All the people on earth are descendants of Adam and Eve: Acts 17, 24-28.

All are born in the image of Adam, that is in sin: Rom. 5, 12.

Sin; all unrighteousness is sin: 1 John 5, 17; (Rom. 1, 19-22 and 25).

Disbelief displeases God, is sin: John 3, 18; Heb. 11, 6; Luke 1, 20.

To know how to do good and not to do it is sin: James 4, 17.

Sin separates from God, and separation from God is death, perdition: Isa. 59, 2; Matt. 25, 41; Rom. 6, 23.

The knowledge of sin is by the law: Rom. 3, 20. God's law is summarized in

The Ten Commandments: Exod. 20, 3-17.

1 Thou shalt have no other gods before me: Exodus 20, 3.

Him only shalt thou serve: Matt. 4, 10.

Regard not familiar spirits: Lev. 19, 31.

Familiar spirits and wizards: Isa. 8, 19-20.

Spirits (cults, organizations, fraternities, clans and bands practicing a form of worship) that do not confess Jesus as having come into the flesh are not of God: 1 John 4, 2, 3.

Sacrifices made by Gentiles are made to devils: 1 Cor. 10, 20-21.

Sacrifices in disobedience (as Cain's) are not acceptable to God: Gen. 4, 3 to 5, 1; or as that of King Saul: 1 Sam. 15, 22.

To say Lord, Lord is no evidence of worshiping the true and only God: Matt. 7, 21.

Jesus is the only way of coming to the Father: John 14, 6.

No other name under heaven whereby we must be saved: Acts 4, 12.

Neither is there any other Gospel: Gal. 1, 8-9.

2 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments: Exod. 20, 4-6.

Idols: Acts 7, 41.

Covetousness is idolatry: Col. 3, 5.

Worshiping of spirits: Isa. 8, 19-20; Lev. 20, 6.

Selfindulgences: Phil. 3, 17-19.

Love of the world and the things of the world: 1 John 2, 15-17.

3 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain: Exodus: 20, 7.

Blasphemy: Lev. 24, 16; Col. 3, 8; Matt. 15, 19.

Oaths: Matt. 5, 34-37.

All oaths: James 5, 12.

4 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant,

nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it: Exodus 20, 8-11.

Do not forsake your gathering together: Heb. 10, 25.
Offer unto the Lord of your substance: Mal. 3, 8-11; 1 Cor. 16, 2; Prov. 3, 9.

Everyone is to minister according to gifts received:
1 Peter 4, 10-11.

The Sabbath made for man and not the man for the Sabbath: Mark 2, 27-28.

Let no man judge you in respect to Sabbath days:
Col. 2, 16-17.

5 Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee: Exodus 20, 12.

This is the first commandment with a promise: Eph. 6, 2.

Teachers: Gal. 6, 6.

Ministers: 1 Thess. 5, 12-13.

6 Thou shalt not kill: Exodus 20, 13.

Hating a brother is murder: 1 John 3, 15.

The Christian's relation to Government: Rom. 13, 1-5.

The Christian's relation to God: Acts 5, 29.

Christians are called to suffer: 2 Tim. 3, 12; 1 Peter 2, 19-21.

Christians are to love even their enemies: Matt. 5, 44-45.

7 Thou shalt not commit adultery: Exodus 20, 14.

Marriage instituted by God: Gen. 2, 24; Matt. 19, 5-6.

Not in too close relationship: Lev. 18, 6-18.

Of the same faith: 2 Cor. 6, 14.

Divorce for one cause only: Matt. 5, 28-32.

Spiritual adultery: Christians taking part or helping along in any heathen worship commit adultery: James 4, 4; Jer. 3, 9; Ezek. 23, 37.

8 Thou shalt not steal: Exodus 20, 15.

Gambling; provide things honest in the sight of all men: Romans 12, 17.

9 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor: Exod. 20, 16.

Slandering: Psalm 101, 5.

10 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's: Ex. 20, 17.

Covetousness: Eph. 5, 3. 5.

The substance of the whole law: Matt. 22, 37-40.

Non-fulfillment of the law: Rom. 3, 10-12. 20.

Object of the law: Gal. 3, 24; Rom. 7, 7.

Christ the end of the Law: Rom. 10, 1-13.

He that heareth and believeth hath passed from death unto life: John 5, 24.

New creatures in Christ Jesus: 2 Cor. 5, 17; 1 John 3, 10.

Such new creatures, animated by the Spirit of Christ, constitute the body of Christ: 1 Cor. 1, 2.

True repentance (separation from sin and its dominion and a new life in Christ) necessary for membership in this body, the Holy General Church Acts 2, 38-40.

Baptism, symbolizing the cleansing from sin, is the outward sign or rite of admission to the visible Church: 1 Peter 3, 21; Rom. 6, 4-6; Eph. 2, 8.

Leaders and officers in the Church: Titus 1, 5; Heb. 13, 17.

Correction of offenders in the Church: Gal. 6, 1; Ezek. 3, 17-21.

Members of the Body of Christ are called Saints: Rom. 1, 7.

The Communion of Saints;

In prayer (Communion with God): Matt. 26, 41; Matt. 6, 5-15; 1 Thess. 5, 17.

Prayer as taught by the Lord Himself: Matt. 6, 9-13.

Prayer must be in accordance with His will: 1 John 5, 14; Matt. 26, 42.

Prayer is not mere asking: 1 Tim. 2, 1-8; John 14, 13-15, 21; Rom. 8, 26-27.

In the Lord's supper, which is an ordinance: 1 Cor. 10, 16-17.

Instituted by the Lord Himself: Mat. 26, 26-29; 1 Cor. 11, 23-37.

Commemorating the suffering and death of the Lord and asserting faith in His return: 1 Cor. 11, 26.

Baptized believers and penitents are to partake: Acts 2, 41-42.

Previous selfexamination enjoined: 1 Cor. 11, 27-28.

In the home: Col. 3, 16.

Husband and wife: Col. 3, 18-19; Eph. 5, 21-25.

Parents and children: Eph. 6, 1-4; Col. 3, 20-21.

Master and servants: Eph. 6, 5-9; Col. 3, 22-24; Col. 4, 1.

The home and strangers: Heb. 13, 2.

The home and false teachers: 2 John 9-11.

The Forgiveness of Sins;

This is my blood, shed for many for the remission of sin: Matt. 26, 28.

Jesus, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man: Heb. 2, 9.

Having forgiven you all trespasses: Col. 2, 12-14; Eph. 4, 32.

Therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus: Rom. 8, 1.

The Resurrection of the Body;

The end of this natural life is death: Heb. 9, 27.

Saints living at the time of the coming of the Lord to be changed suddenly: 1 Cor. 15, 51; 1 Thess. 4, 17.

All the dead to be raised: Acts 24, 15.

God raises the dead thru Christ: 2 Cor. 4, 14.

Manner of resurrection: 1 Cor. 15, 35-44.

Sown a natural body it is raised a spiritual body:
1 Cor. 15, 44; Phil. 3, 21.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption: 1
Cor. 15, 53-57.

Order of resurrection:

Christ the firstfruit of them that slept: 1 Cor.
15, 20.

Afterwards they that are Christ's at His coming:
1 Cor. 15, 23.

Blessed and holy is he who hath part in the first
resurrection: Rev. 20, 6.

But the rest of the dead live not again until the
thousand years were finished: Rev. 20, 5. 11-15.

And the Life Everlasting.

Everlasting life is a gift of God: Rom. 6, 23.

Given to such who earnestly seek and strive for it:
Matt. 7, 7-8.

Yet it is God who must work in us both to will an
to do: Phil. 2, 13.

Without regeneration and continued spiritual growth (holiness) no one shall see God: Heb. 12, 14.

Everlasting life or everlasting shame and contempt: Dan. 12, 2; Matt. 25, 46.

For saints death is swallowed up in victory: 1 Cor. 15, 53-54; John 5, 24.

For saints there is prepared a building of God, not made with hands: 2 Cor. 5, 1.

We cannot comprehend the things which God has prepared for them that love Him: 1 Cor. 2, 9.

So shall we ever be with the Lord: 1 Thess. 4, 17-18.

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